



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: November 3, 2005

TO: George Burgess,
County Manager

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Traffic Signals

As a result of Hurricane Wilma, it was disturbing to see that hundreds of our traffic signals suffered significant damage and posed a public safety hazard, by having wires and signal heads hanging down, on some of our main arterial roads. While I am aware that not all traffic signals in Miami-Dade County are located on County maintained roads, as a great number are situated on major roadways under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), I do believe that we should take a futuristic approach to the installation of these traffic signals by replacing them with ones that can best withstand hurricane force winds.

Please look into this matter and provide a report detailing which type of system you would be installing, as part of the County's hurricane recovery efforts, to curtail the public safety risk. I ask you to pursue all reimbursable funding options, such as FEMA and State to mitigate incurred damage, so that the fiscal impact for the County can be minimized and to assure that the most suitable signal system is installed in our hurricane prone environment.

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Court
George Burgess, County Manager
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board